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TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, GQ, PP, US
SUBJECT: QUESTION OF GUAM -- PAPUA NEW GUINEA RECONSIDERS
VOTE ON UNGA RESOLUTION

REF: (A) STATE 291440-76; (B) USUN 5859-76 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S ACTING PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OAISA HAS VOLUNTEERED TO US THAT IN LIGHT
OF GUAM LEGISLATURE'S RESOLUTION NO. 383 WHICH AT USUN'S
REQUEST HAS BEEN CIRCULATED BY UN SECRETARIAT TO UN
MISSIONS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) WOULD NOT RPT NOT AGAIN VOTE
IN SUPPORT OF A UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA) RESOLUTION
ON GUAM OF THE SORT ADOPTED IN DECEMBER 1976. END SUMMARY.

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2. ON DECEMBER 1, 1976, UNGA PLENARY ADOPTED RESOLUTION
31/58 ON QUESTION OF GUAM. THE VOTING WAS: IN FAVOR,
61 (PNG); AGAINST, 22 (US); ABSTENTIONS, 42. RESOLUTION
STATED IN PART THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY: "STRONGLY DEPRECATES
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON GUAM AS
BEING INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF
THE CHARTER OF THE UN" ALONE AMONG THE INFORMAL,

CONSULTATIVE, ASEAN-PACIFIC GROUP (AUSTRALIA, FIJI, INDONESIA, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, PNG, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, AND THAILAND (ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE ASEAN-PLUS GROUP)), PNG VOTED IN SUPPORT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION. IT DID SO BOTH IN COMMITTEE IV AND IN PLENARY. ACCORDING TO PNG REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK (REF B), PNG DID SO BECAUSE OF ITS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR DECOLONIZATION IN THE PACIFIC AREA.

3. GUAM'S LEGISLATURE REPLIED TO THE UNGA ACTION. ON DECEMBER 3 IT ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 383 "RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING THE DISSATISFACTION OF THE LEGISLATURE" WITH RESPECT TO THE UNGA RESOLUTION "CONCERNING GUAM'S POLITICAL STATUS AND THE MILITARY PRESENCE HERE ON GUAM." AMONG OTHER THINGS, RESOLUTION NO. 383 SUPPORTED THE MILITARY PRESENCE ON GUAM AS "VITAL TO PROVIDING OPTIMUM DEFENSE FOR ALL AMERICA INCLUDING GUAM." IT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT "GUAM IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UNITED STATES, GUAM RESIDENTS BEING CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES BY THEIR OWN REQUEST SINCE 1950." IT ADDED THAT GUAM LEGISLATURE WAS ENACTING LEGISLATION CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO CONVENE ON JULY 1, 1977. (FULL TEXT BY POUCH TO INFO ADDRESSES).

4. BY THIRD-PERSON NOTE, DATED JANUARY 31, AMBASSADOR YOUNG ASKED UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO CIRCULATE GUAM LEGISLATURE'S RESOLUTION NO. 383 TO UN MISSIONS. UN SECRETARIAT DID THIS ON FEBRUARY 7.

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5. ON FEBRUARY 18, PNG'S ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, COUNSELOR OAISA, VOLUNTEERED TO US MISOFF THAT IN LIGHT OF GUAM LEGISLATURE'S RESOLUTION, PNG WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT AGAIN VOTE IN SUPPORT OF A UNGA RESOLUTION ON GUAM OF THE SORT ADOPTED BY 31ST UNGA. MISOFF THANKED OAISA FOR THIS ASSURANCE.
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